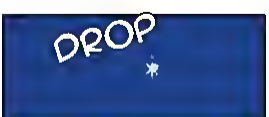
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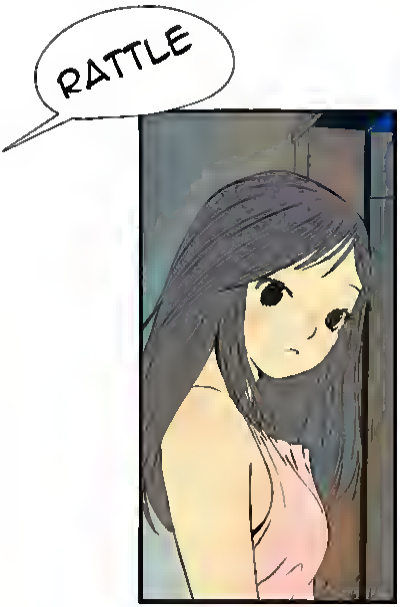
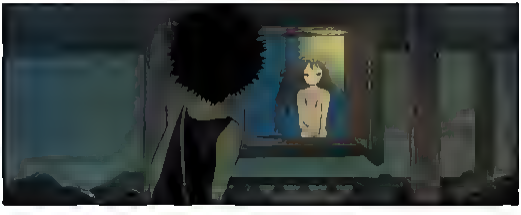
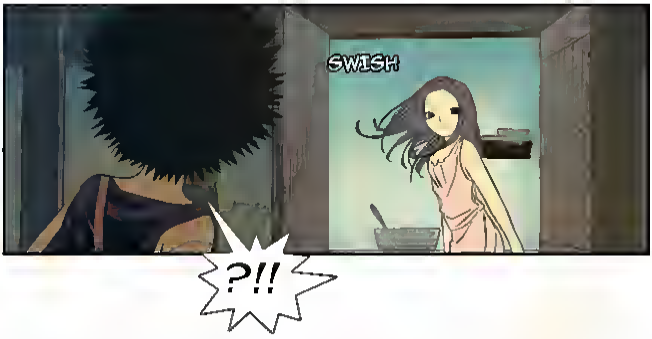

RATTLE

I'M SORRY.
I WON'T BOTHER
YOU...




SWISH
?!!

WHO...
WHO ARE YOU?

UM...
I'M...

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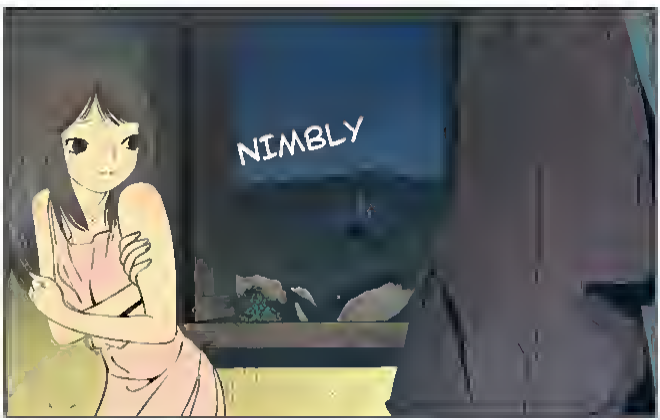
OH, MY EDITH
WHY ARE YOU
CRYING HERE?

SIR, I JUST...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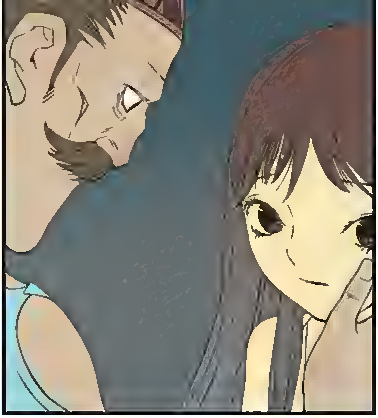
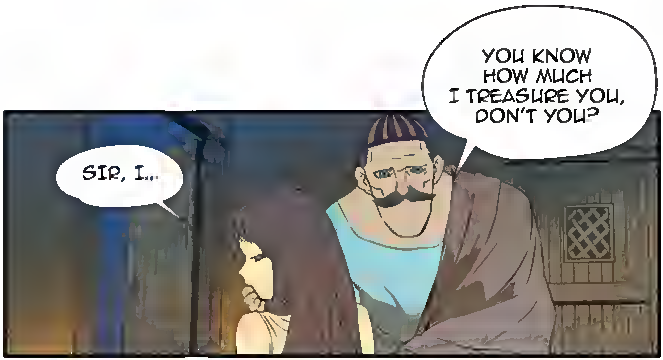
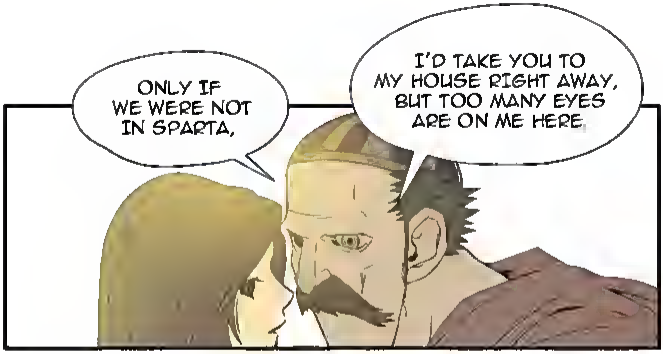
I HEARD YOU GOT SOME SAD NEWS.

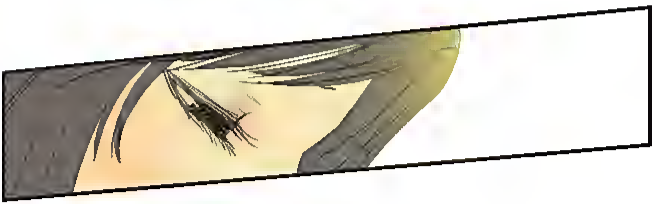
EVEN SO, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE ME COME ALL THE WAY TO SEE YOU.




YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I TREASURE YOU, DON'T YOU?
SIR, I...

OTHERWISE, IT'S GOING TO BE HARDER FOR YOU.
YOUR SMILE WILL BRING YOU A HAPPINESS.


ONLY IF WE WERE NOT IN SPARTA,
I'D TAKE YOU TO MY HOUSE RIGHT AWAY, BUT TOO MANY EYES ARE ON ME HERE.



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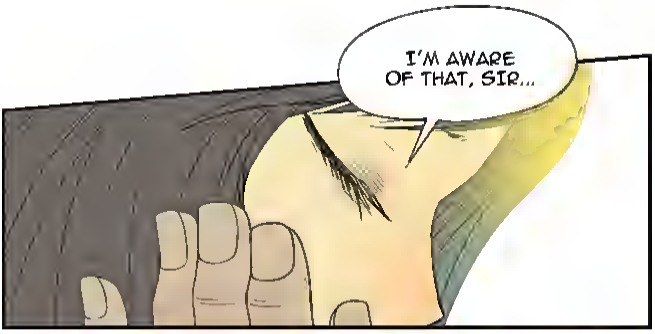
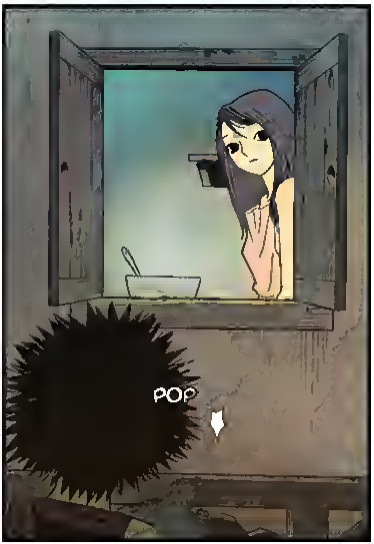
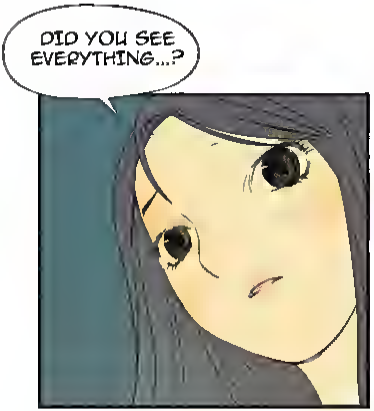

I'M AWARE
OF THAT, SIR...

DON T
GIVE YOUR HEART
TO OTHER OLD MEN
NEXT TIME
WHEN I SEE YOU
I WANT YOU TO
WELCOME ME WITH
A BRIGHT SMILE

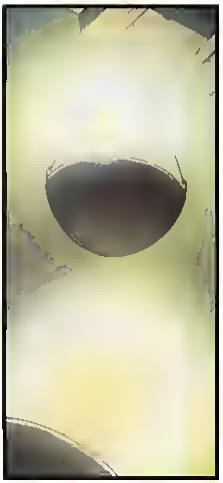

POP

THANK YOU FOR HIDING ME.


DID YOU SEE EVERYTHING...?

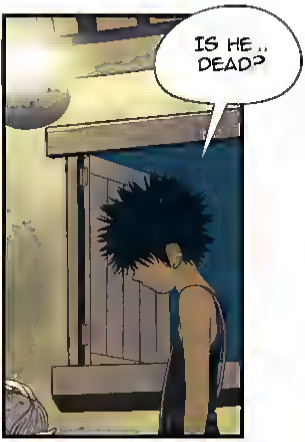
SORRY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "EVERYTHING...?"
COME ON IN.

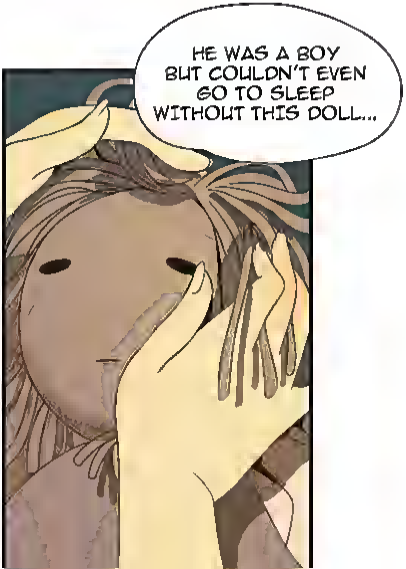
NIGHTS IN SPARTA ARE COLD AND DANGEROUS

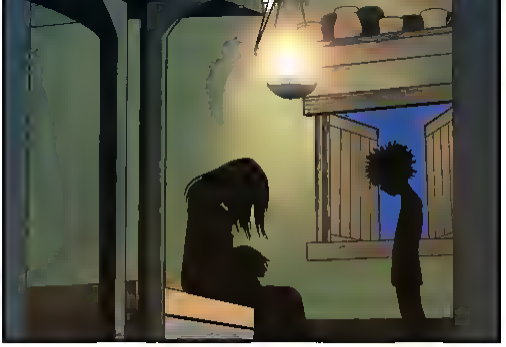


PUFF

MY BROTHER
WAS AS YOUNG
AS YOU...


IS HE.. DEAD?


HE WAS A BOY BUT COULDN'T EVEN GO TO SLEEP WITHOUT THIS DOLL...



SO AM I.

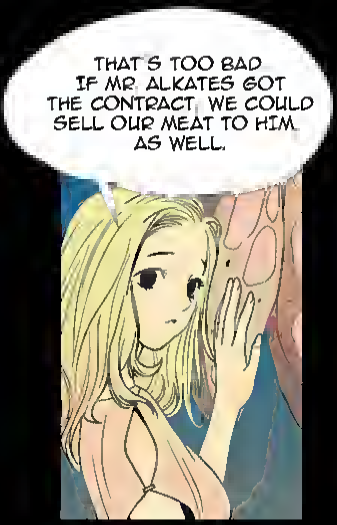
...GOING TO SLEEP CUDDLING A FOX.. HOW STUPID...

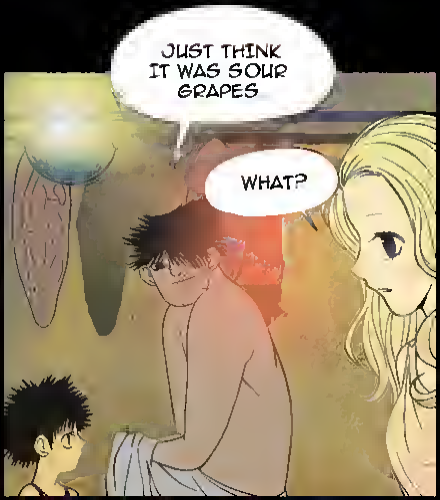
NOW, I AM REALLY LEFT ALL ALONE IN THIS WORLD...

YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED A LOT... SUCH A YOUNG BOY LIKE YOU...
NOT THAT MUCH
IT WASN'T THAT HARD
?!!

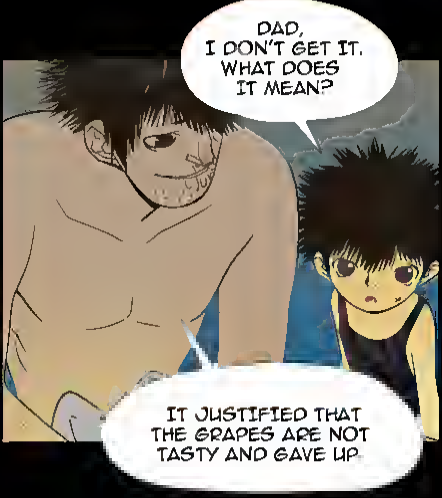
MY DAD TOLD ME TO THINK IT'S NOTHING WHEN I SUFFER HARDSHIP. SO THAT I CAN ENDURE IT.
HONEY, YOU MET MR. ALKATES, THE BUTCHER IN THE NEXT VILLAGE HOW IS HE?
HE'S DISTRESSED HE THINKS HIS BUSINESS WILL FAIL.
SORRY?

WASN'T HE HAPPY THAT HE GET TO SUPPLY A LOT OF LAMB TO AN ARISTOCRAT'S HOUSE REGULARLY?
YES, HE WAS. BUT SOMEONE ELSE WHO KNOWS THE ARISTOCRAT TOOK THE SUPPLY CONTRACT.


THAT'S TOO BAD
IF MR. ALKATES GOT
THE CONTRACT, WE COULD
SELL OUR MEAT TO HIM
AS WELL.


JUST THINK
IT WAS SOUR
GRAPES
WHAT?

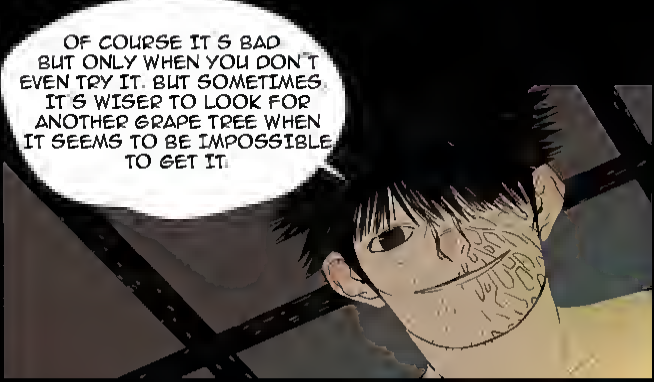
AS HE WENT AWAY, THE FOX SAID.



ONCE UPON A TIME,
A FOX SAW SOME GRAPES HANGING HIGH ON THE VINE.

THE FOX JUMPED WITH ALL ITS STRENGTH,
BUT IT COULDN'T REACH THEM.

BUT ISN'T IT
BAD TO GIVE UP?


OF COURSE IT S BAD
BUT ONLY WHEN YOU DON T
EVEN TRY IT. BUT SOMETIMES
IT S WISER TO LOOK FOR
ANOTHER GRAPE TREE WHEN
IT SEEMS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE
TO GET IT.

MR. [illegible] LOSING THE [illegible] AND HE WAS SO [illegible] ABOUT IT.

HE GOT SO [illegible] AND SO HE'D MEET THE [illegible], I GUESS HE'D [illegible] THE [illegible] IN CHARGE.

IF HE [illegible] IN [illegible]
[illegible] WITH ANYONE,
PROBABLY IT [illegible] HAVE [illegible]
HIM INTO [illegible]
CALM DOWN.
MAYBE. EVERYTHING
WAS SET FROM
THE GET-GO.
MAYBE.
YOU'RE LUCKY NOT
TO MAKE CONTRACT
WITH THEM.
WHAT IF
THEY DON'T PAY YOU
AFTER YOU PROVIDE
THE MEAT. IT'LL
TROUBLE YOU MORE.

SOMETIMES, WHEN THINGS ARE TOUGH, IT'S BETTER TO GIVE UP AND FORGET ABOUT IT THAN TO PUSH YOURSELF TOO MUCH

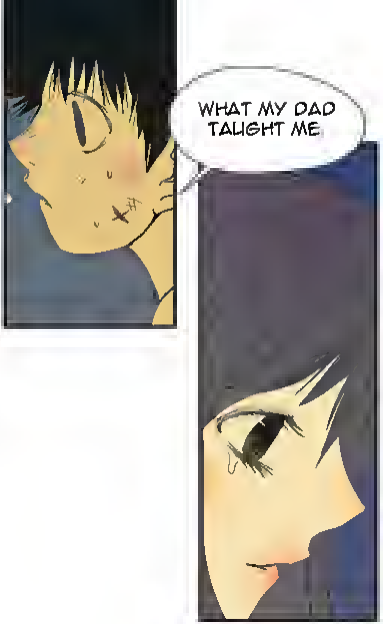
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY MY MOM AND DAD HAD TO DIE.

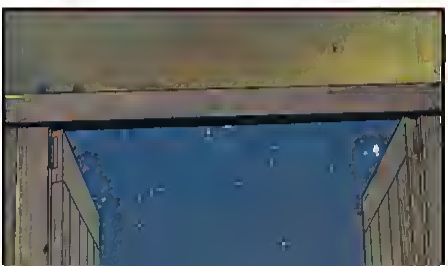
CAUSE IT'S NOT GIVING UP. RATHER, IT'S TAKING A CHANCE FOR A FRESH START.
WHEN THINGS BOTHER YOU TOO MUCH, CHANT THIS SPELL. "IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL."
AESOP, REMEMBER YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE YOURSELF IN THIS WORLD

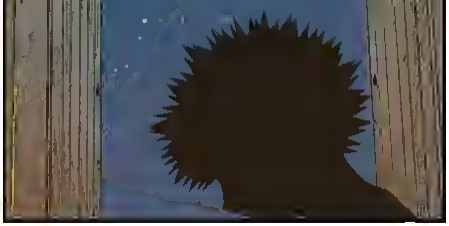
BUT THE ONLY THING I CAN DO WAS... CHANT A SPELL TO MYSELF THAT IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

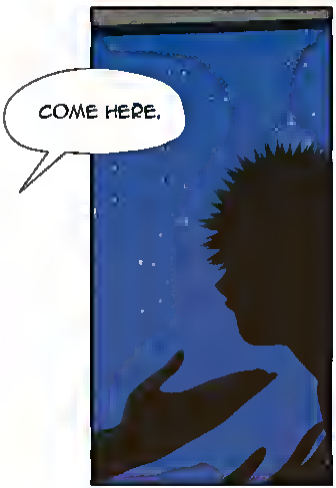
YOU CAN'T ERASE
THE WOUND IN YOUR HEART
BUT YOU CAN PREVENT IT
FROM FESTERING

AND THAT'S...

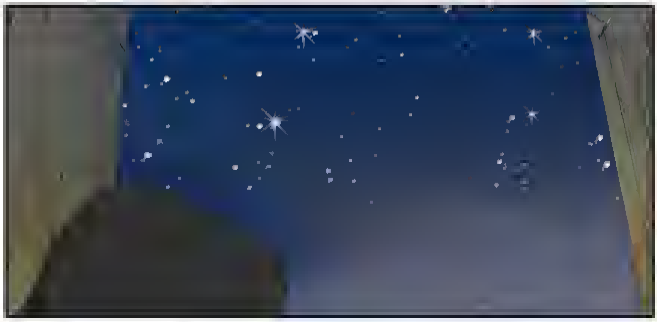

WHAT MY DAD
TAUGHT ME



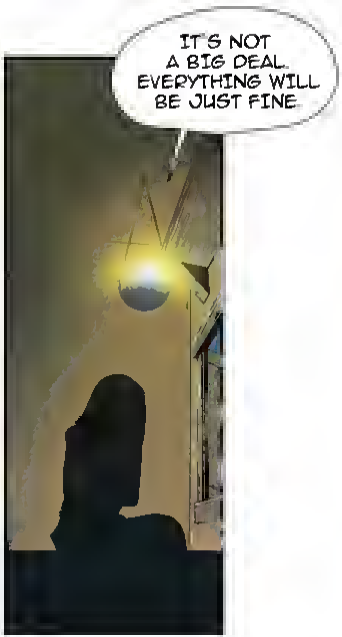



COME HERE.

THAT NIGHT, THE STARS IN THE SKY
WERE BRIGHTER THAN ANY OTHER NIGHT.



PERHAPS,
THOSE STARS MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIS MOM AND DAD
WATCHING HIM FROM A DISTANCE?


IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST FINE.

I'M SURE MY BROTHER IS IN HEAVEN.
HE WILL PROBABLY BE IN A BETTER AND PEACEFUL PLACE THAN THIS DREADFUL SPARTA

LOOKING AT THE STARS,
AESOP THOUGHT SO.